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Inspector Eric J. Greene
LA City Fire Dept. Fire Prevention Bureau
South Industrial Unit
200 North Main Street, Room 950
City Hall East
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Dear Mr. Greene:

General Electric is working with the Los Angeles County Department of Health (LADOH) to characterize contamination at its 6900 Stanford Avenue facility. A work plan to accomplish the characterization has been submitted to (LACDOH) for their review and approval prior to beginning the investigation. A copy of this plan is attached for your information. Completion of the characterization phase will be followed by remediation.

It has been known for some time that the ten underground tanks at this facility and their contents would have to be removed to disposal. Rather than wait until the above program was completed to remove the tanks, General Electric initiated tanks removal in October 1987 to facilitate the characterization program.

The tanks removal project has included the following steps.

- o Removal and cutting of all ten tanks
- o Removal of all contaminated soil above and underneath the tanks
- o Removal of all vent lines
- o Locating and draining all fill lines

We are now in the process of finalizing the disposal of these materials at a state licensed disposal site. Since GE's activities have been completed in removing the tanks and all contamination from that part of the excavation on GE property and the fact that GE is working with LACDOH to remediate this site, GE believes that your request for a site assessment is a duplication of effort and not necessary to complete remediation of the 6900 Stanford Avenue site.

Documentation submitted to you by our subcontractor, OH Material, shows that the tank pit bottom and three walls (western, northern, and eastern) have no evidence of any contamination. The bottom and these three walls are on GE property.


There is, however, visual contamination along parts of the southern wall. This contamination has been removed by GE up to the property line with our next-door neighbor, Cooper Drum Company. This contamination appears to have originated from Cooper Drum Company due to the following observations:

1. Visual contamination of the concrete along the area next to Cooper Drum.
2. Detection of contamination in the pit walls only at a point 2 ft. below surface and about 3 ft. above the top of the tanks.

In response to your question regarding location of groundwater, our excavation (down to about 13 feet) did not encounter groundwater. In addition, based on our conversation with the Regional Water Quality Control Board and on our review of the hydrology of the general area, it was revealed that groundwater is at levels of 50-100 feet below the surface.

This site is secured by a fence and a locked gate. Your approval to proceed with filling the pit is requested.

Very truly yours,


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cc: Mr. K. Barr, Bechtel